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No applications were entertained during 1932. During 1933 five candidates, while applying for admission to the College, stated that they required the half-fee concession. They were informed before admission that such concessions were not admissible.

In August 1931 the Principal of the College received a communication from the Surgeon-General stating that the Director of Public Instruction had submitted a proposal to the Government to abolish as a measure of retrenchment the system of half-fee concession. The Principal thought that pending a decision on this question he could not grant any half-fee concession. The proposal of the Director of Public Instruction, however, was confined to the educational institutions under his control. Thus the action of the Principal in having refused to grant the concession during 1932 and 1933 was due to a misapprehension.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Will the Government see that fee concessions are given at least in the future? "

Mr. E. Conran Smith:—" The Government have already issued instructions to the Principal of the Medical College."

X-ray facilities provided by Government.

* 516 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what hospitals or other institutions X-ray apparatus has been provided by the Government;

(*b*) what does one such installation cost; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to install it at Mangalore?

A.—(*a*) X-ray installations are available at the following centres:—

(1) Government X-Ray Institute, Madras.
(2) Government Rayapuram Hospital, Madras.
(3) Government Headquarters Hospital, Vizagapatam.
(4) Government Headquarters Hospital, Ootacamund.
(5) Government Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore.
(6) Government Headquarters Hospital, Cocanada.
(7) Government Headquarters Hospital, Berhampur.
(8) Government Headquarters Hospital, Madura.
(9) Government Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore.

(*b*) The cost of one diagnostic X-ray outfit is about £600.

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" May I ask whether the Government have prepared a scheme for introducing X-ray installation at each hospital? "

Mr. E. Conran Smith:—" No."

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Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" May I know whether the Government will consider the point that preference should be given to the hospitals which are far away from Madras?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—" I think the question of introducing X-ray installations in a large number of hospitals has not been considered in view of the present financial stringency."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" May I know why the Ceded districts have been completely lost sight of?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" May I ask whether the question of distance from the places where the apparatus is installed will be taken into consideration when the question is taken up?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—" I think that will be done."

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether the question of instituting X-ray apparatus in all headquarter hospitals at least, has been considered by the Government?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—" No, Sir."

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—" Will the Government be pleased to consider such a necessity?"

Mr. E. CONRAN SMITH:—" The Government will consider it in due course."

Out-patient Departments of the Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras.

* 517 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of out-patient departments in the Government School of Indian Medicine;

(*b*) the average number of patients attending per day from 1930 to 1933 in each; and

(*c*) the number of students who took their diplomas up till now under the following heads:—

—	Number of employed.	Number of unemployed.	Total.
Ayurvedic			
Unani			
Siddha			

A.—(*a*) Four, viz., Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Western medicine. (The last one is for minor surgical operations.)

(*b*) & (*c*) Two statements[a] furnishing the information required are laid on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 113 infra.